

TALKING PAPER

ON

SNOW AND ICE

- Air Force Statistics – FY11 – FY15
 - Snow
 - 591 Mishaps with 593 injuries
 - Class A – 1
 - Class B – 2
 - Class C – 265
 - Class D – 323
 - Total mishap cost – \$4,146,879
 - Ice
 - 961 Mishaps with 892 injuries
 - Class B – 3
 - Class C – 377
 - Class D – 581
 - Total mishap cost – \$5,178,510
- AFI 91-203, *Air Force Consolidated Occupational Safety Instruction*, is the governing directives for snow and ice
- Prevent slips, trips and falls (see December 2016 for more details on this topic)
 - Clear walking surfaces of snow and ice
 - Spread deicer as quickly as possible after a winter storm
- Prevention Tools
 - Walking
 - Wear proper footwear when walking on snow or ice
 - Insulated and water-resistant boots with good rubber tread highly recommended during or after winter storms
 - Rubber over-shoes with good tread recommended to wear over street shoes during winter months
 - Short steps and walking at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction when walking on icy or snow-covered walkways
 - Maintenance Stands
 - Always be aware of your surroundings
 - Clear off all ice and snow prior to use
 - Walk slow and deliberate ascending and descending stairs
 - Driving
 - Practice the three P's of safe winter driving
 - *Prepare* for the trip
 - *Protect* yourself
 - *Prevent* crashes on the road

- Maintain your vehicle
 - Plan your route
 - Wear your seatbelt
 - Slow down and increase distances between cars
 - Look out for pedestrians
 - Avoid fatigue
 - Don't drink and drive
- Additional tips
 - Be aware of your surroundings and footing traveling to your destination
 - Dress appropriately to prevent cold stress or hypothermia
 - Home or work, lay down salt where you most commonly walk/work immediately following any winter storm